

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No. SA CV 18-0904 FMO (JPRx) Date June 12, 2018

Title Dallas Pottish v. Plantain Products Company, et al.

Present: The Honorable Fernando M. Olguin, United States District Judge

Vanessa Figueroa None None

Deputy Clerk Court Reporter / Recorder Tape No.

Attorney Present for Plaintiff(s): Attorney Present for Defendant(s):

None Present None Present

Proceedings: (In Chambers) Order to Show Cause Re: Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction in this case is asserted on the basis of the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). (See Dkt. 1, Complaint Class Action ("Complaint") at ¶ 5). "CAFA provides expanded original diversity jurisdiction for class actions meeting the amount in controversy and minimal diversity and numerosity requirements set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)." United Steel, Paper & Forestry, Rubber, Mfg., Energy, Allied Indus. & Serv. Workers Int'l Union, AFL-CIO, CLC v. Shell Oil Co., 602 F.3d 1087, 1090-91 (9th Cir. 2010). Under that provision, "district courts shall have original jurisdiction of any civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is a class action in which . . . any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant[.]" 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

Having reviewed the Complaint, the court questions whether the claims of the individual class members exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2); Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens, 135 S.Ct. 547, 554 (2014) ("Evidence establishing the amount is required . . . when . . . the court questions, the . . . allegation."). Plaintiff makes a conclusory allegation that the class action's amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, (see Dkt. 1, Complaint at ¶ 5), despite pleading that class members' individual damages "may be relatively small[.]" (See Dkt. 1, Complaint at ¶ 36).

Based on the foregoing, IT IS ORDERED that no later than **June 19, 2018**, plaintiff shall show cause in writing why this action should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction for the reasons noted above. **Failure to respond to this order to show cause by the deadline set forth above shall be deemed as consent to the dismissal of the action without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction and/or failure to comply with a court order.**

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